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TAGS: CASC (BARTASEK, GEORGE)

SUBJ: W/W -SEAMAN: GEORGE BARTASEK

1. SUBJECT AMERICAN SEAMAN DISCHARGED AFTERNOON NOV 17 FROM US SHIP
SS EXFORD, BY MUTUAL CONSENT. SUBJECT IS NOT RPT NOT DESTITUTE WITHIN
MEANING OF REGULATIONS, BUT HAS NOT RPT NOT SUFFICIENT FUNDS RETURN US,

AND LOCAL AGENT WILL NOT REPATRIATE AS CAPTAINS'S LETTER TO AGENT
RE SEAMAN DID NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTION "REPATRIATION". ACTION
REQUESTED: PLEASE CONTACT AMERICAN EXPORT LINES, 48 FORTY-THIRD ST.,
BROOKLYN, N.Y. AND ASK THEM ARRANGE
REPATRIATION WITH INFLOT, LENINGRAD, AS LOCAL AGENT FOR LINE (TELEX
505 OR 506).

2. IN AFTERNOON OF NOV 17 CONSOFF WAS CALLED TO CONGEN TO MEET WITH
GEORGE BARTASEK, Z056324945, BARTASEK TOLD CONSOFF THAT DURING
LUNCH ON THE SHIP A FELLOW CREWMEMBER HAD ACCUSED HIM OF THEFT, STARTED

A FIGHT, AND PULLED A KNIFE ON HIM. BARTASEK SAID HE FEARED FOR HIS
LIFE IF HE REJOINED SHIP FOR VOYAGE TO US VIA BILBAO, AS THIS WAS
ONLY LATEST INCIDENT IN SERIES OF CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN HIM AND A
"PUERTO RICAN CLIQUE" ON THE SHIP.

3. CONSOFF ACCOMPANIED BARTASEK TO SHIP AND INFORMED CAPTAIN OF
BARTASEK'S ALLEGATIONS. CAPTAIN CALLED VARIOUS CREWMEMBERS AS
POTENTIAL WITNESSES TO THE ALLEGED INCIDENT, ALL OF
WHOM DENIED SEEING ANYTHING OF THE SORT. IN THE COURSE OF THE
INVESTIGATION, HOWEVER, IT BECAME CLEAR TO MASTER AND CONSOFF THAT THE

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ANIMUS SHOWN BY THE REST OF THE CREW TO BARTASEK DICTATED DISCHARGE

IN HIS BEST INTEREST.

4. THE MASTER OF THE VESSEL PAID OF BARTASEK, AND GAVE INFLOT
A LETTER ASKING THAT BARTASEK BE "ACCOMODATED." IN THE CON-
TEXT, IT WAS CLEAR THAT REPATRIATION WAS INVISAGED, BUT AS THE LETTER
DOES NOT SO STATE, INFLOT IS UNWILLING TO GUARANTEE LIVING EXPENSES
WHILE ARRANGING TRANSPORT, OR TRANSPORT ITSELF. WOULD
APPRECIATE DEPT INFORMING AMERICAN EXPORT LINES OF ABOVE, AND ASKING
THEM ARRANGE REPATRIATION SOONEST.
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